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CLAIMS

- 1 A load handling apparatus comprising at least one first elongate member having means for engaging a load and at least one second elongate member pivotally connected to
- 5 said first-mentioned elongate member, and actuating means cooperating with said first and second elongate members to change the angular orientation of said first and second elongate members relative to each other.
2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, and including additional elongate members
- 10 disposed so as to transmit the relative movement of said first and second members to the load, which is thereby manipulated as required.
3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one first member is substantially twice the length of said at least one second member.
- 15 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the at least one first member and said at least one second member are of substantially equal length.
5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which said at least one first and second
- 20 members, each comprise a pair of members, each member of each pair being disposed generally parallel to the other member of the same pair and the two pairs being connected together by means of a pivot rod.
6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, and including an actuating means comprising a
- 25 hydraulic or pneumatic mechanism.
7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, in which the actuating means comprises an airbag.
- 30 8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, in which the airbag is disposed adjacent the point of pivotal connection between said first and second members and is constructed such that inflation of the bag will cause a greater degree of inflation in the distal regions of the

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bag, furthest away from the pivotal connection and a much lesser degree of inflation in the proximal region closest to the pivotal connection.

9. An airbag having a number of interconnecting compartments, wherein inflation of
5 the airbag is restrained at one edge or part thereof.

~~10. A load handling apparatus as claimed in claim 1 and including an airbag as claimed
in claim 9.~~ *Q*

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